

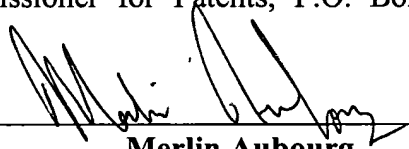


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Filing Date: August 4, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1615
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Examiner Kishore:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed January 11, 2007, the Applicants respectfully elect with traverse **Invention II**, claims 11-28 and 32, drawn to a process of making platinum aggregates, classified in class 264, subclass 4.1.

However, the Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination of Invention I would not place a serious burden on the Examiner to examine both inventions because the composition claims of the Inventions are closely related. *See* MPEP § 803 ("If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.").

Fees

The Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to our Deposit Account, 06-1448.

Conclusion

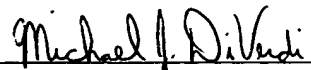
In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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